

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CAPE T 00801 171137Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00
NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-04 H-02
INR-07 L-03 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 /077 W
-----171139Z 037748 /11

O R 170920Z MAY 77

FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6121

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

US MISSION USUN NEW YORK 1377

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 0801

MADRID FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER WITH
VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

MAPUTO FOR YOUNG PARTY

E.O.11652:N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SF

SUB: VORSTER STATEMENT PRIOR TO VIENNA MEETINGS

1. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER GAVE PRESS INTERVIEW EVENING

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CAPE T 00801 171137Z

MAY 16, SECTIONS OF WHICH TELEVISED SAME EVENING AND WIDELY
REPORTED IN PRESS MAY 17. VORSTER SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO
VIENNA IN A "MOOD OF CONFRONTATION" AND PRESUMED
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WAS NOT EITHER. "I AM GOING FOR
THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ISSUES ABOUT AFRICA AND
SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE ROLE SOUTH AFRICA CAN PLAY IN
SECURING PEACE AND STEMMING THE TIDE OF MARXISM....

I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT THIS IS ALSO THE US'S STAND IN THIS MATTER. SOUTH AFRICA HAS ALWAYS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WOULD BE READY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY LEADER." RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ABOUT REPORTS THAT THE US INTENDED TO PUT PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA, VORSTER REPLIED "I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS CPSIT IS NOT TO PUT PRESSURE ON ME ABOUT ANYTHING. SOUTH AFRICA HAS MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR ON ALL OCCASIONS, THAT IT WILL COOPERATE IN FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS, BUT NO SELF-RESPECTING COUNTRY WILL ALLOW ITSELF TO BE PRESSURIZED IN CERTAIN DIRECTIONS."

2. VORSTER SAID THAT HE WAS GOING FOR THE PURPOSE OF "PUTTING SOUTH AFRICA'S CASE" AND NOT TO "TAKE ORDERS". HE REGARDED THE TALKS AS BEING OF THE "UTMOST IMPORTANCE" BECAUSE THEY WERE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THAT HAD BEEN HELD IN MANY YEARS, AND BECAUSE MR.MONDALE HAD BEEN GIVEN THE TASK OF FORMULATING AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. QUESTIONED ABOUT THE US ROLE IN AFRICA, VORSTER SAID THAT THE US HAD COME TO AFRICA BECAUSE OF THE MARXIST THREAT, THE PRESENT TRENDS WERE NOT EXACTLY A CONTINUATION OF THE KISSINGER POLICIES, BUT HAD TO BE VIEWED AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND. IN THE PAST SOUTH AFRICA HAD FELT A CERTAIN DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY WITH RESPECT TO WHERE IT STOOD VIS-A-VIS US POLICY. THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY "TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE US" HAD TO BE SEEN AS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 CAPE T 00801 171137Z

3. VORSTER EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE JETRIWO GOVERNMENT FOR HOUSING THE DISCUSSIONS, AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY AS WELL.

NELSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONAL OPINION, PRESS CONFERENCES, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977CAPET00801
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770174-1096
Format: TEL
From: CAPE TOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770550/aaaabras.tel
Line Count: 103
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 1135be92-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2495988
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VORSTER STATEMENT PRIOR TO VIENNA MEETINGS
TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, SF, (VORSTER, BALTHAZAR JOHANNES), (MONDALE, WALTER F)
To: STATE MAPUTO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/1135be92-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009